**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

**ISPRM transition period**

**January 26, 2012**

*President of the ISPRM*

Dear friends and colleagues:

During the ISPRM World Congress, held in Puerto Rico, the Assembly of Delegates (AD) approved an International bidding for an ISPRM Association Management Company (AMC). The current contract with the Central Office was dissolved effective December 31, 2011.

A new contract with a new Central Office became valid effective January 1, 2012. After a competitive bid process, Kenes Associations Worldwide (Kenes) is the new ISPRM Association Management Company (AMC) / Central Office. (Contact information: Kenes Associations Worldwide, sbobinet@kenes.com, www.kenes.com, phone: +41 22 908 04 83).

Presently, we are in a transition period and during the next few months a long list of tasks must be accomplished, including setting up a new website with an automated system for membership and dues collection.

The ISPRM President’s Cabinet believes that this transition will happen quickly and smoothly. We know that Kenes is committed to ISPRM.

Currently, the secured pathway for payment transfer of membership dues to ISPRM from the website is inactive and we are hoping to have it active by the beginning of April 2012.

If you want to update your membership dues or want to become a new ISPRM member, please contact Ms. Louise Gorringe: lgorringe@kenes.com.

Sincerely,

*Transition Task Group*

*Marta Imamura, Jan Reinhardt and Jorge Lains*
To all ISPRM members,

To all ISPRM members,

The ISPRM Publications Committee is pleased to announce the beginning of the ISPRM Web of Journals.

The purpose of this web is to contribute to the dissemination of information published in journals dedicated to the field of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine around the world and to make this information available to members of ISPRM.

To implement the decision of the Assembly of Delegates in 2010, the Journal Sub-Committee of the Publications Committee, under the leadership of Prof. Franco Franchignoni, has started to develop this project. This web of journals will consist of an official journal, journals published in association with ISPRM, and journals endorsed by ISPRM.

The official journal continues to be the Journal of Rehabilitation Medicine, edited by Prof. Gunnar Grimby. During the Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico the President’s Cabinet approved the classification of “journal published in association with” for the European Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (EJPRM) and the Portuguese Journal of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (PJPRM). Finally, the journal Rehab in Review was approved as a journal “endorsed by ISPRM”.

You will find links to these journals in the appropriate directories under Publications in the left-bar menu.

The content of the EJPRM is openly available and in the case of the PJPRM it will be openly available 6 months after publication. Rehab in Review will be distributed free to all ISPRM members.

Sincerely,

Walter Frontera, MD, PhD
Chair, Publications Committee

Franco Franchignoni, MD
Chair, Journals Sub-Committee
Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, it’s our privilege to invite you to “The 3rd Asia-Oceanian Conference of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (The 3rd AOCPRM) with the Theme Art and Culture in Synergy with Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine, May 20 - 23, 2012 in Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center, Indonesia, organized by Asia Oceanian Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine and The Indonesia Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Association.

Besides three days Congress Sessions and Workshop on May 21-23, 2012. In addition to scientific sessions, a wide range of social programs including Cultural Night will be available for the participants.

Further information is available on our congress website www.aocprm2012.org Specific questions concerning further information can be sent to aocprm2012bali@pharma-pro.com

We are looking forward to meeting you in Bali at “The 3rd Asia - Oceanian Conference of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (3rd AOCPRM)” in May 2012.

With our best regards

Peni Kusumastuti, MD  
Prof. Angela BM. Tulaar, MD
Submit Your Research for the AAPM&R 2012 Annual Assembly

Deadline Extended to 11 May 2012

AAPM&R invites ISPRM Delegates and members to submit your clinical and basic science research findings to be considered for inclusion in the AAPM&R 2012 Annual Assembly, November 15-18, 2012, in Atlanta, GA. Each abstract will be evaluated based on the components of the structured abstract. All abstracts selected for inclusion in the scientific paper and poster presentations during the Annual Assembly will also be published and distributed as a Web link and in an electronic format in conjunction with PM&R, the Academy’s official scientific journal.

How to submit your abstracts: AAPM&R will accept ISPRM poster abstract submissions for the 2012 Annual Assembly through the AAPM&R Web site only. To submit your abstract, follow these steps:

1. Access the ISPRM poster abstract submission form on AAPM&R’s Web site: http://www.aapmr.org/assembly/Pages/isprm.aspx
2. All forms must be thoroughly completed, including a financial disclosure, which is part of the form.
3. Carefully read the instructions for each field on the submission form to submit the abstract proposal.

All ISPRM poster abstract submissions are due 11 May 2012, at 23:59 (CST).

Visit the Academy website (www.aapmr.org) (Click here) for more information about abstract submission procedures and important presentation policies.

If you have questions, please contact info@aapmr.org.
The first national conference of “Pakistan society of physical medicine and rehabilitation” (PSPMR) was held on 21st Jan 2012 at Pearl continental hotel Lahore, Pakistan. This one day conference marked a new era in the field of rehabilitation medicine in the country. The theme of the conference was “Reaching the unreached”. It was attended by 20 physiatrists from all around Pakistan. In addition the audience included physiotherapists, prosthetist and persons with disability (PWD). Dr Khalid Jamil, one of the founders of rehabilitation medicine in Pakistan was the general secretary and organizer of the event.

The opening ceremony was presided by Governor Punjab, Mr Latif Khosa. Upon his arrival, Dr Khalid Jamil, delivered the welcome address followed by speech by Dr Moeed Qazi, President of the society. Dr Qazi presented the history of Rehabilitation medicine in Pakistan and the current efforts to develop the specialty in the country.

The chief guest in his speech congratulated the organizers and the audience for the efforts in rehabilitation medicine and the establishment of PSPMR. He stressed upon the need for further developing this specialty in the country and its importance. He announced teaching slots for rehabilitation faculty in the teaching hospitals of Punjab. He also granted the status of Professor Emeritus to Dr Khalid Jamil in recognition of his meritorious services in the field for the last thirty five years.

The first session was chaired by the Mrs Shahnaz, a renowned social worker and advisor to chief minister Punjab. She highlighted the plight of PWD in Pakistan and lack of awareness in the general public and the medical professionals. She emphasized the government for the welfare of the disabled people and appreciated the efforts of rehabilitation community in Pakistan. One of the founding member and pioneer of PMR in Pakistan, Prof Kayani narrated the development of rehabilitation medicine in Pakistan over the years.

Six papers were presented in the scientific session, which was chaired and moderated by Dr Mumtaz Jabeen (American Diplomat in PMR) and Dr Amir Waheed (first fellow to clear exam of PMR in Pakistan) respectively.

Dr Nabeela Soomro, Director of institute of rehabilitation medicine (IPMR), Dow University of health sciences presented an overview of services available at IPMR. Dr Wajahat gave a talk on low back pain among motorcyclists while Dr Mansoor discussed musculoskeletal disorders among dental professionals followed by a brief talk on ergonomics. Residents from Armed Forces Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine (AFIRM) gave presentations on Spinal cord injury Rehabilitation and amputee rehabilitation experience at AFIRM.

It was followed by an informal meeting of the society where members shared their ideas and views regarding the society matters. Dr Rustam gave a brief presentation for the future road map of the society, membership’s categories and registration with ISPRM as the representative society of Pakistan.

The 2nd National Conference of the PSPMR is planned to be held at Armed Forces Institute of Rehabilitation Medicine, Rawalpindi on 3rd Dec 2012 (World disability day).

The PMR community in Pakistan has taken the first step of coming together and finding a common platform to develop this specialty and help the disabled. We would very much appreciate comments, suggestions and offers for exchange program from developed regions of the world.

Please direct questions to farooqrathore@gmail.com
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